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Rangers honored for valor

Army Chief of Staff awards Silver Stars for gallantry

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Hunter Public Affairs Office

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills —
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth
..." Psalm 121*

What began in the pre-dawn hours of March 4, 2002, as an insertion to recover American personnel, stranded during a compromised reconnaissance mission, quickly disintegrated into a 17-hour running firefight for Capt. Nate Self and his "quick reaction force" of U.S. Army Rangers.

When one of the two CH-47 Chinook helicopters transporting them was hit by an al-Qaida rocket-propelled grenade and forced to crash-land on the Takur Ghar mountaintop in eastern Afghanistan's Shah-I-Kot Valley, Self's platoon found themselves smack in the middle of a murderous crossfire. With three Rangers killed in the first minutes of combat and nearly everyone injured in some way, the platoon miraculously

managed to exit the wrecked Chinook, establish a perimeter, tend to the seriously wounded, and return fire on a very determined enemy. With half of the platoon in the other aircraft, and facing constant small arms and grenade attacks, it was all Self and the survivors of the downed helicopter could do to hang on ...

On Jan.16, in an awards ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield's Departure/Arrival Airfield Control Group Operations Facility, 36 members of 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment were honored for their heroic actions which occurred 10 months earlier on that fateful day in March during Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan.

Gen. Eric J. Shinseki, Army Chief of Staff, awarded eight Silver Stars to the Rangers who fought on that hilltop, and Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, pinned a Silver Star on Staff Sgt. Kevin Vance, an air combat controller who, along with Self, called in countless airstrikes while taking

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Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Gen. Eric J. Shinseki, Chief of Staff of the Army, presents a Silver Star to one of eight Rangers for actions during the Battle of Takur Ghar in Afghanistan on March 4. Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, also presented a Silver Star to Air Force Staff Sgt. Kevin Vance, an air combat controller, who called in countless airstrikes while under enemy fire during the fight.

"Can Do" dismounts leave Bradleys behind



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Pfc. Adam Jones, Leesburg, Va., prepares to fire during the reflexive fire protnom of training at the MOUT site.

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer, Frontline Forward

Although infantry soldiers in a mechanized division may spend large portions of an exercise in the back of a Bradley, there is more to their job than riding along. The soldiers' value becomes apparent when the ramps drop and they move out to handle any obstacle that stands in their way. If enemy-filled bunkers and trenches slow down progress, infantry soldiers need to be prepared to handle things in their own unique way.

The soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment are getting back to basics in January. Each of the battalion's companies are working at three different sites on clearing bunkers, trenches and buildings, from the individual to the company level, said Maj. Roger Shuck, 3/15th Inf. battalion operations officer.

"We've got the companies going through (Military Operations in Urban Terrain) training, knocking out bunkers, clearing trenches, and conducting MOUT operations in an old rock quarry," he said. "We don't get to do all of this (training) often at Fort Stewart. It's some of the best you're going to find."

The soldiers spent a week training at the MOUT site in the Udairi Range Complex, said Shuck. They start by honing their reflexive fire skills, which involves targets that come up close and quick. After that, they work on clearing buildings at the team squad and platoon level. The training culminates in a company-level live-fire exercise at the site.

"The soldiers have been doing well," said Sgt. 1st Class David Childers, B Co. platoon sergeant from Orlando, Fla. "They've had a lot of new stuff thrown at them really quickly. They are learning to keep the flow going in an urban environment. They're also handling the harder tasks, like clearing rooms with corners. They've got that down."

"(MOUT) continues to improve as we add things to the village," Shuck said. "The solders can't grow accustomed because we change the conditions and add things. It causes the soldiers to react and think. It's a thinking man's game out here."

One of the biggest tasks the solders have to master is identifying threats in an urban environment, said Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Gallagher, battalion command sergeant major.

"They have to decide whether what they're seeing is a threat or not," he said. "If they can't see the target's hands, then they can't identify it as a threat — there's a potential it's a noncombatant."

After training at the MOUT site, the soldiers spend a day clearing a trench and bunker complex, Shuck said. They go through several iterations at the site.

The first time through, they train with no rounds. The following run involves blank ammunition. The final time through, live ammunition is used, including mortar rounds that pass overhead. The process is then repeated after night-fall.

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Don't do your taxes: Have the tax center do them for you

Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

Winter, spring, summer, fall ... which season is missing? You guessed it — tax season, darkening the land until its joyful departure on April 15. But what to do between now and then? Why, get your tax return prepared for free, of course.

The new Fort Stewart Tax Center, located in Building 9611, officially opened in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday morning. Workers at the center will assist soldiers and spouses in filling out and preparing tax

returns at no charge, a service that has also been provided in past years.

The tax center performs multiple functions, including e-filing, itemizing, providing tax forms to those who wish to prepare their own returns, and other services, said Trudy Ashmore, a paralegal and the writer/coordinator at the center.

"Our services are absolutely free to the (military) ID-cardholder," said Ashmore. She added that with no glitches, persons filing their returns through the tax center could get

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FRI
High 43° Low 22°

SAT
High 50° Low 26°

SUN
High 57° Low 29°



Spc. Kimberly Wade

Trudy Ashmore and Col. Lyle Cayce cut the ribbon that signifies the opening of the Marne Tax Center at Fort Stewart.

3/15 snipers: 'One shot, one kill'

Soldiers stalk 'city streets' in MOUT training

Spc. Jacob Boyer
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CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Invisible. The soldier moves quickly across the street, mindful of the eyes looking for him. Whether they belong to an enemy or a friend, they can ruin the mission with just a glance. He finds shelter and sneaks in.

Silent. He creeps around the building's dimly-lit halls, careful not to bump anything and draw attention. One creaking floorboard can make the difference between success and failure.

Cautious. He uses his training to find a crack in the wall. He does not need much, just enough space to fire a round from his M-24 rifle through.

Lethal. He lines up the shot, taking into account the wind, elevation and humidity. He breathes evenly, remembering all of the marksmanship basics any soldier learns in basic combat training. He squeezes the trigger ...

"Bang!" he shouts, ending yet another stalk through the Udairi Range Complex's Military Operations in Urban Terrain site.

The sniper squad from 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment worked on their stalking skills at the MOUT site Jan. 9 in conjunction with the rest of the battalion's MOUT training.

"Stalking is the main training objective for snipers," said Cpl. Joseph Shannon, 3-15 Inf. Sniper squad leader.

"We do a lot of it, because it helps with movement, especially in the desert."

The snipers have to adjust the way they do things in Kuwait, said Shannon, a Montgomery, Texas native. At Fort Stewart, all of their training is based in a woodland environment. "There aren't as many places to hide out here," he said. "So we need the practice in open areas."

Operating in two-man teams, the snipers moved forward from the back end of China Town, the shanty city erected at the site.

Their target: another squad's members sitting on top of a Humvee 500 meters outside of the town. The goal of the stalk is to line up a shot at the observer before he sees the team.

Although they have spent most of the deployment attached to the battalion's scout platoon, the six-man sniper squad consists exclusively of infantry soldiers, Shannon said.

A soldier who wants to be a sniper has to hit 40 out of 40 targets at two consecutive M-16 ranges before being considered.

"Getting into the squad can be a long process," he said. "It took me two years. There's a lot of demand to get these jobs, but it isn't that hard."

The squad leader receives a list of all the soldiers who qualified and are interested, Shannon said. It is up to him to evaluate candidates and decide who will make the cut.

Once they are assigned to the squad,

snipers learn the basics of the job from the other members, said Pfc. Jace Mounce, a new sniper from Greendale, Ind. When the time comes, they attend the sniper school at Fort Benning, Ga.

"I've been training for four months, and I haven't been to school yet," he said.

At the school, would-be snipers constantly work on their shooting skills, Shannon said.

They also learn formulas that allow them to adjust for wind, humidity and elevation. Target estimation is another important task. But the most important skill is stalking.

"It's pretty important because we are the battalion's forward eyes-on," he said. "We typically go in front of everybody. We get out there and let higher know what's ahead."

"You've got to try to be the best you can be without being seen," Mounce said. "We do it as if it were a real-world situation."

Even though there are a lot of long hours and some of the skills are hard to master, 3/15 Infantry's snipers enjoy and take pride in their jobs.

"It's nice being somebody special," he said. "Being a sniper is all about how good of a soldier you are. You've got to be able to shoot, and it takes some brainpower because of all the math."

"I love (being a sniper)," Shannon said. "It's a challenge. I wouldn't do any other job."



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Spc. Michael Wade, a sniper with 3-15 Infantry from Columbus, Ohio, lines up a shot from one of the buildings at the Udairi Range Complex's MOUT site.

82nd eager to hold live fire, hone skills



Pfc. Christina Carde
11th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Most soldiers participate in live-fire exercises such as qualification ranges a couple times a year. For the 82nd Airborne Division however, live-fire exercises are a major part of their training.

The soldiers of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, conducted a live-fire exercise, Saturday, consisting of small arms and mortar fire.

"We try to come out here at least once a week to familiarize ourselves with our weapon systems," said Staff Sgt. David Laperch, mortar section sergeant, C Co., 2/504. "Since we are in a combat zone it is important we train as often as we can."

Willingness to train is not the only factor that comes into play when conducting these exercises.

"We work on a budget," said Sgt. Ryan Paterson, squad leader, C Co., 2/504. "We are only allotted a certain amount of rounds per year.

No money, no training exercises."

Fortunately, enough rounds were available Saturday to support about two hours of live-fire training.

The small arms weapon systems consisted of machine guns, M-4 carbines and M-249 squad automatic weapons. The troops shot in the prone, standing and approaching positions while constantly receiving direction from their superiors.

On the mortar range two different types of mortars were fired.

"Today we fired about 80 rounds of high explosives and about 40 white-phosphorous rounds," said Laperch. "The high-explosive mortars are designed to bury into the ground and take out large objects such as bunkers, and the phosphorous are designed to screen."

Although, the company trains both here and in the U.S., there are some differences.

"At the ranges back home, we aren't allowed to get as close to our targets as we want to," said Paterson. "Here, the ranges are basically open fields so we can do a lot more."

The troops have freedom of

movement, but they must be aware of the added threat of land mines in the surrounding fields.

Although firing weapons is the main objective in these exercises, they are designed for more than just a chance to fire off rounds.

"In a real combat situation, there is strong possibility you can be taking heavy fire," said Sgt. Christopher James, section leader, C Co., 2/504. "Moving quickly when loading rounds is just as important as accuracy in these situations."

The purpose of these exercises is twofold. To become proficient and to have fun. Each time a mortar was fired the troops whooped and hollered when the round hit its target leaving behind a cloud of smoke.

At the end of the exercise, a vehicle repeatedly drove past a row of targets while soldiers leaned over the side and emptied their remaining rounds into the plastic silhouettes.

In the end, Paterson summed it up saying, "It's important to familiarize ourselves with our weapons, but sometimes it's fun just to blow stuff up."



Soldiers from C Co., 2nd Bn., 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Div., approach and fire at targets at the live-fire exercise.

Pfc. Christina Carde

(Above) Pvt. Mark Gabriel, C Co., 2nd Bn., 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Div., fires squad automatic weapon during a live-fire exercise Jan. 18.

(Right) Pvt. 2 John Barton Allen, assistant gunner, C Co., 2nd Bn., 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Div., loads a mortar round.

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The internationally acclaimed United States Army Field Band of Washington, DC, will continue its long history of presenting free public performances when it appears at the Fine Arts Auditorium at Armstrong Atlantic State University on Saturday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. The Field Band's concert in Savannah is sponsored by AASU and the Savannah Morning News.

As the premier touring musical representative for the United States Army, the Field Band travels thousands of miles each year throughout the nation and abroad, keeping the will of the American people behind the members of the armed forces and supporting diplomatic efforts around the world. Since its formation in 1946, the Field Band has appeared in all 50 states and in more than 30 countries on four continents.

Along with the Soldiers' Chorus, which was founded in 1957, this 65-member Concert Band presents a powerful and diverse program of marches, overtures, popular music, patriotic selections, and instrumental and vocal solos. A music critic for the *Boston Globe* called a Field Band performance "a cause to stand up and cheer."

Past performance highlights include World War II 50th anniversary commemorations in the United States and Europe, Presidential Inaugural Parades, the rededication of the Statue of Liberty, nationally televised broadcasts on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Joint concerts with many of the nation's leading orchestras, including the Boston Pops, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Cincinnati Pops, have received rave reviews.

The Field Band's members, selected by highly competitive audition, represent some of the finest musical talent in America. More than five decades as the military's most traveled musicians have earned them the title, "The Musical Ambassadors of the Army."

Tearing down the house ...

Spc. Adam Nuelken

Sgt. Kiran Gullage, a food service sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, works on taking down the concertina wire around the consolidated Class I guard area. The Class I guard area contained meals ready-to-eat, field rations and water. With the creation of the centralized dining, individual units are now responsible for setting up their own Class I guard areas facility.

Rumsfeld: Time running out for Iraq

Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Time is running out for Saddam Hussein to disarm, and any military solution is likely to draw heavily from the Guard and Reserve, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Monday.

“No one wants war, but as the president has said, Iraq will be disarmed and the decision between war and peace will be made not in Washington, D.C., and not in the United Nations in New York, but rather in Baghdad,” Rumsfeld told a group of reserve officers in Washington Monday. “It is their decision. Either they will cooperate or they won’t, and it will not take months to determine whether or not they are cooperating.”

At a symposium of the Reserve Officers Association, Rumsfeld explained why the United States is contemplating military action against Iraq but not North Korea. He said “repressive dictators” run both countries and both pose a threat, but they don’t pose the same level of threat.

Iraq is unique because “no other living dictator has shown the same deadly combination of capability and intent” to attack his neighbors and his own people.

“In both word and deed, Iraq has demonstrated that it is seeking the means to strike the United States and our friends and allies with weapons of mass destruction for a reason, so that it can acquire ... territory and

assert influence over its neighbors,” Rumsfeld said.

North Korea, on the other hand, is “a country in many respects teetering on the verge of collapse,” he added. “There is starvation.” North Korea’s history has been one of attempting to stave off economic disaster by using its weapons programs to blackmail the West, he said.

The Defense Department relies so heavily on reserve components because so many critical skills are found primarily in the National Guard and Reserve. Rumsfeld said he’d like to see this changed and noted that personnel experts in the Pentagon are working on the problem.


“If we want to have a total force and we want that concept to work, we’ve got to be respectful of the fact that people in the reserves and the Guard have jobs,” he said.

Before heading off to Walter Reed Army Medical Center here to visit service members who were injured in Afghanistan, Rumsfeld told the reserve officers their contributions would be vital in the coming months.

“At this time of call-ups, alerts, mobilizations, deployments and uncertainty, please know that the American people are counting on you and have full confidence in you,” he said. “We can all live our lives as free people in this dangerous and still untidy world and in this new century because brave men and women like you voluntarily put your lives at risk to defend our freedom.”

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Donald Rumsfeld
Defense Secretary



Tax assistance available

The Marne Tax Assistance Office, located in Building 9611, will be open Monday through Friday starting Jan. 21. For more information, call 767-4148.

Sergeants Major join to conquer military challenges

Sgt. Erika Gladhill
CFLCC-PAO, Command Information NCO

The Army team is the best when soldiers are supported, according to Coalition Forces Land Component Command, Third Army, Army Central Command, Command Sgt. Maj. Vincent Myers, whose mission to help better the Army for soldiers took him around the world.

Myers and more than 250 other sergeants major gathered at Biggs Field, Fort Bliss, Texas to take part in the third annual Sergeant Major of the Army’s Nominative Command Sergeants Major Conference, Jan. 4-10.

The forum, hosted by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley, brings the Army’s most influential noncommissioned officers together to meet with members of the Army staff to develop solutions to challenges that are facing the total Army — regular Army soldiers, Reservists and National Guard personnel.

“Everything we worked on in the conference was to make the Army a better place for soldiers and make us [the Army] more effective,” Myers said.

Attendees focused on four areas of emphasis to ensure the Army’s continuing success: mental and physical toughness, marksmanship, combat lifesaver skills and small-unit drills.

Approximately 15 different groups prepared recommendations to the Army’s senior leadership on assigned topics from ways to ensuring that NCOs clearly define their career paths to improving the Noncommissioned Officer Education System.

Topics came from the Army Training and Leader Development Panel’s Phase II report. The study, conducted last year, is the largest self-assessment ever done by the Army. It focused on training and leader development requirements for noncommissioned officers.

The study brought up topics for service members to include an Army competence test for soldiers. Myers assessed the topic in his group analysis. The program will test soldiers on their knowledge to include military history and safety. However, test management, costs and effects are concerns the sergeants majors tackled.

Myers and his group also talked about the

‘duty military occupational specialty Q’ program. The program would be congressionally mandated re-schooling for soldiers who have newly acquired military occupational specialties. The program would affect mostly the Reserve and National Guard personnel.

When units are mobilized and re-assigned to new sections some servicemembers may not be military occupation specialty-qualified by the Army’s standard of advanced individual training. However, those soldiers may also be on the brink of a mission, Myers said. The transition can result in losing training time for soldiers.

“You never get time back,” Myers said.

“The Army is like a shark, if it quits moving it will die.”

Sgt. Maj. Vincent Myers
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Army, Army Central Command

“You never want to say you wish you had three more days.”

After participants completed their deliberations, each group briefed the conference members and was challenged with another task: disseminating information gathered at the conference.

Myers took the assignment one step further and

included ideas from senior NCOs representing every unit at Camp Doha, Kuwait during a mini-conference at Army Central Command-Kuwait Headquarters, Jan. 15.

Finally, compiled information is sent to various Army directorates which then enact the best solutions, a job that can take anywhere from months to years, according to Myers.

“We [the Army] are always evolving,” he said. “The Army is like a shark, if it quits moving, it will die.”

Myers added, there are always areas to look at and ask, ‘how can we do this better, not different but better.’

The conference is a part of the duty of military leaders to take care of today’s soldiers and soldiers of the future, he said.

“These decisions could touch the lives of thousands of military and their families, so we looked at every angle before making decisions. That is what NCOs do, make things happen,” he said.

NCOs meeting challenges of the total Army and creating better lives for its soldiers is all a part of the Army life. In the ever-changing Army those challenges are what make today’s Army interesting and creates exciting times, he said.

Myers said, “These are goods times to be a part of the Army.”

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Blount: Force protection #1 priority

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount, III
3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army
Airfield commanding general

A steady stream of military vehicles continue winding their way out of Camp Doha, into the various camps as soldiers and equipment continue to flow into the-ater. All but one brigade commander has arrived as have Col. (P) Weber and Command Sgt. Maj. Kellman who joined us this week. The entire Marne Team is working hard to receive soldiers, draw equipment and integrate them into the camps.

Our over-achieving Garrison staff and logisticians in the Division G-4 have done outstanding work getting soldiers and equipment out of the air and sea ports and into the camps.

As Marne soldiers arrive our camps are becoming somewhat cozier. Task Force 1-64 Armor has moved from Pennsylvania to join the rest of the Spartan Brigade on Camp New York. The 703rd Main Support Battalion is here and occupying part of Camp Virginia. First Brigade Combat Team is beginning to occupy Pennsylvania. When the Division Rear deploys, they will join the Division Main on Camp New York. As I write this letter, Task Force 3-7th Infantry is arriving and drawing their equipment from prepositioned stocks.

Our amenities are few but we are comfortable in our camps. Soldiers are split between military tents and tents from Kuwaiti contractors for their sleeping areas.

The lines are long at the showers, but at least we have them, and no one is complaining. We have taken a page from the Navy for our showers, by limiting our wet-downs to 30 seconds and

rinses — **Commentary** — to a minute, lathering up in between. That way there is enough hot water for almost everyone.

Each of the camps has a central dining facility and the chow is hot, plentiful and pretty good. No one is complaining much about chow either. Except that when we changed contracts on Camp New York, it seems we no longer have the unlimited supply of Hostess Ding Dongs and Twinkies anymore. But we do have ice cream now.

The best way to take care of soldiers is tough and realistic training. TF 1-30th Infantry completed a very successful company iteration of situational training lanes. The Battle Boars are now moving into their battalion force on force training that will culminate later this week in a live-fire exercise.

TF 3-15th Infantry will soon complete a highly successful series of dismounted infantry exercises, which got a lot of good press on the national networks. A Company, 3-7th Infantry from TF 4-64 began similar exercises this week. TF 4-64, TF 1-64 and 1-3 ADA have completed their sustainment gunnery cycles.

Maintenance is training and our maintainers are training hard across the division. Whether they are at the unit level, forward support battalions or at the DISCOM, our maintenance soldiers are doing yeomen's work keeping vehicles running. Col. James Hodge's Heart of the Marne soldiers are eager to do their part. The 26th



FSB, which has been doing great work in support of the Spartan Brigade, now welcomes the 203rd FSB, the 3rd FSB, the 603rd ASB, and the 703rd MSB to Kuwait. The 24th CSG will be here shortly and all our logisticians will be on the ground.

Many of you have seen the news of the tragic shooting death of a Department of Defense employee and the wounding of another Tuesday in Kuwait. This took place in the city, far from where we are located.

I want to reassure everyone that force protection is my number one priority. There is always a force protection element with troops when training or during convoys. The 3rd MP Company is doing great work escorting soldiers and equipment to the camps.

The Kuwaiti government has done a great job, too, and we feel safe here due in large part to their efforts. They responded immediately and in force to this latest incident.

I'm sure you have heard or seen that more forces have been ordered to the Persian Gulf region from the all the services. The Army, in particular the 4th Infantry Division with units from Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Carson, Colo., has been ordered to the CENTCOM region. The additional deployments should not be understood that war is now inevitable.

Our mission now is to train and prepare. Nobody is looking for a fight. Tyrants often don't understand unless there is a credible force presence. We hope that our presence provides that understanding.

The final decision is the president's and we will always be ready for any mission. Marne soldiers are well-trained, well-cared for and very focused. I know you are as proud of them as I am.

"Rock of the Marne!"

Too much Tom Cruise?

Gary Sheffick
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Many of us cringed when five soldiers of the elite Old Guard were arrested for burglary.

The strac soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry at Fort Myer, Va., are supposed to represent the best of the Army. They serve as the president's honor guard and stand vigil at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Underneath the starch and polish, we expect Old Guard soldiers to embody Army values.

Then five of these elite were charged with breaking into estates near the nation's capital to steal jewelry, computers and cars, to include a Porsche and Mercedes.

News reports said the soldiers were part of a burglary ring that rappelled through skylights when owners were not home. The burglars reportedly wore black tactical BDUs and night-vision goggles to navigate through the mansions.

What in the world were these young soldiers thinking? Did they rent a video of "Mission Impossible" and decide to emulate Tom

Cruise?

Maybe they missed the point that Cruise was doing it for the good of the nation.

Perhaps the suspects would have been better off if they viewed Dragnet or an old episode of JAG. Maybe that would have helped them realize that our CID agents are also elite and talented — that crimes will be solved and perpetrators punished.

Do we need to emphasize more to soldiers that crimes will be punished? Do we need more deterrents on post?

Maybe more of our Army newspapers should include a weekly "police blotter" and perhaps even list punishments for those found guilty?

Well, if the "MacBurglars" arrested at Fort Carson, Colo., a couple of years ago are any indication, perhaps more education on crime and punishment is necessary. These soldiers stole petty cash in an armed robbery of a MacDonald's restaurant. They said they needed money to go home for Christmas. When arrested, one of the soldiers naively asked: "Will I get an Article 15 for this?"

Hard time behind bars awaits soldiers who commit such crimes, and they need to know it.

In the Old Guard case, even though the soldiers were arrested by county police, the military is seeking prosecuting jurisdiction, according to a CID agent assisting with the investigation.

"The military can try the suspects quicker and enforce harsher penalties to these soldiers than anyone else," the agent said.

Maj. Gen. James T. Jackson, Military District of Washington commander, pledged the Army's support to local authorities investigating the case, and promised to punish the soldiers, if guilty.

"As members of the community at large, we are committed to ensuring our soldiers abide by the law and behave as good neighbors," Jackson said.

"When they do not, we will ensure all the allegations are thoroughly investigated and dealt with in an appropriate manner."

The Army tries hard to be a good neighbor around the nation and the world.

Soldiers support charity drives, community events and activities such as the Special Olympics.

It's just a shame that a few bad apples can tarnish the good name of the Army for thousands of good-hearted, generous soldiers.

Luckily, many Americans realize that the vast majority of troops are law-abiding, model citizens. Surprisingly, the understanding public even includes one of the crime victims.

"It doesn't shake my trust in the military," said homeowner Dandria Michalak who lost her jewelry, car and other valuables. "I'm sure the military is very disappointed they have this type of people there, too."

"I think most of the military is probably very good," Michalak said. "It didn't make me feel bad about the military, it makes me feel bad about them."

Wow. How more understanding and insightful could a crime victim be?

Michalak even said: "It never would have occurred to me it would be soldiers."

Let's hope her opinion — and that of most Americans — never changes.

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

What do you think makes the support so good at Fort Stewart?



"Everybody helps support everybody."

Spc. Christopher Jensen
A Co. 123rd Signal Bn.



"CIF is helpful."

Spc. Kenneth Bosarge
498th Trans. Co.



"The reservists are given more info when they are active."

Sgt. Roger Marshall
319th Trans. Co.



"They give good information for deploying."

Spc. Shawan Thomas
319th Trans. Co.



"A soldier could come into CIF with nothing and leave with everything he needs."

Capt. Greg Borcharding
1/347 TSB



"The troops feel at home here."

Staff Sgt. Frank Cabadiana
1/24th Inf.

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Old Guard soldiers charged with burglaries

Spc. Chris Walz
Army News Service

FORT MYER, Va. — Police arrested five soldiers Jan. 15 from the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) in connection with residential burglaries in Great Falls, Va., and Potomac, Md.

The soldiers allegedly stole a 2000 Porsche Boxster, a 2001 Mercedes S340, several desktop and laptop computers, a watch and several cameras from the Potomac home. They reportedly took stereo and computer equipment, jewelry, several cameras and two handguns from the Falls Church homes.

Fairfax County police arrested Pfc. Christopher Thomas Lee, Pvt. Mark Saunders Stewart, Pfc. Austin Wade Harris and Spc. Clarence Ricky Williams of the Old Guard for the Falls Church burglaries. Montgomery County police arrested Pfc. Stefan Hill Jan. 15 in connection with the burglary in Potomac, and asked Fairfax County police to detain Lee and Stewart for that crime as well.

Fairfax and Montgomery counties are holding all of the soldiers without bond.

News reports earlier this week said the Montgomery County suspects used black tactical BDUs and infrared goggles to infiltrate and navigate through the house. An agent familiar with the case said, however, even though investigators found such articles, they could not confirm the articles were used during the break-in. None of the equipment found was military issued.

“It’s incredible. It never would have occurred to me it would be soldiers,” homeowner Dandria Michalak told reporters over the weekend. “It doesn’t shake my trust in the military. I’m sure the military is very disappointed they had this type of people there, too. I think most of the military is probably very good. It didn’t make me feel bad about the military, it makes me feel bad about them.”

Michalak, who lives on River Road in Potomac, was away during Thanksgiving weekend when the break-in occurred. The suspects allegedly entered through an attic vent.

“It was just the most shocking and incredible feeling,” she said about returning to find the house burglarized. “We all just started to

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run frantically around the house.”

Criminal Investigation Command special agents received information about the soldiers’ possible involvement in a theft ring, officials said. Agents found evidence in the soldiers’ barracks, which led them off post to most of the stolen property.

Police said they’ve recovered 90 percent of the stolen items, including the handguns. Police recovered

the Mercedes Dec. 6 in Arlington and the Porsche Jan. 6 in Washington, according to Montgomery County police officer Derek Baliles.

Lee, Stewart and Harris face three counts of first-degree burglary and two counts of grand larceny. Williams faces two counts of first-degree burglary and two counts of grand larceny. Lee, Stewart and Harris also allegedly burglarized a Radio Shack in Bailey’s Crossroads, but police said they do not believe Williams was involved.

The Montgomery County warrants charge Lee, Stewart and Hill with first-degree burglary, conspiracy to commit first-degree burglary, theft of over \$500, theft of a 2001 Mercedes S340 and 2000 Porsche Boxster and unauthorized use of those vehicles.

A Washington Resident Agency CID agent familiar with the case said talks are ongoing between the Army’s Judge Advocate General and Fairfax and Montgomery counties to transfer prosecuting rights.

“The military is seeking prosecuting jurisdiction for all of the individuals in this matter,” said the agent. “The military can try the sus-

pects quicker and enforce harsher penalties to these soldiers than anyone else.”

“As members of the community at large, we are committed to ensuring our soldiers abide by the law and behave as good neighbors,” said Maj. Gen. James T. Jackson, Military District of Washington commanding general. “When they do not, we will ensure all the allegations are thoroughly investigated and dealt with in an appropriate manner.”

“We’re the lead investigating agency and we still have property we need victims to claim,” said the agent. “We’ve asked Fairfax and Montgomery to help us out. This has been a very cooperative relationship between the three organizations. Everybody helped everybody else. This is how law enforcement is supposed to work.”

“We are sharing information with other jurisdictions who believe they had similar incidents perhaps by the same suspects,” Baliles said. “Everybody is working very cooperatively with everyone else, including the military. Everybody wants this matter resolved as quickly as possible.”

Command sergeant major stands as witness to change

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

In 30 years of service, 4th Brigade, 87th Division (Training Support) Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Davis, has seen technology change, services improve and the Army become stronger.

"I was like many soldiers who wanted to sign up for three or four years and get money for college, and like some other soldiers I liked what I was doing so I stayed in."

Davis came in at the end of the Vietnam era as the Army was transitioning to an all-volunteer force. One of the biggest changes he has seen was the evolution of the non-commissioned officers corps.

"There were a lot of young NCOs - what I mean by young sergeant is that they were young in the Army but had a lot of rank on their collar because of the (Vietnam) War," said Davis. "Their professionalism and ability to lead wasn't what it is today."

During Davis' first enlistment, NCOs were not required to go to NCO schools, such as the Primary NCO Course (now known as PLDC), to advance.

Davis said, "They had the schools but the requirements weren't as stringent as today. I remember being at an NTC rotation and listening to an OC (observer/controller) say 'Here I am a sergeant first class and never have been to any schools and they are making me a master sergeant.' He was a relic of that time era."

"I think today's requirement for schools benefits the Army because to have knowl-

edge is to have power," Davis said.

As Davis advanced in the military, he learned many valuable lessons.

"As a junior NCO coming up through the ranks, I didn't always look at my soldiers as the reason I made sergeant and staff sergeant," Davis said. "It wasn't until after I was a staff sergeant that it really hit me - it's not what I'm doing that's getting me promoted, but rather what my soldiers do through my leadership and guidance."

"I give them the guidance and leadership that they need, and they accomplish the mission. It's not just what you do that gets you promoted so looking after the soldiers is one of the most important things an NCO can do," Davis said.

Taking care of soldiers is an integral part of the NCO.

"When you don't take care of them, yes they will do the mission ... but at what standard? I believe that if you are taking care of your soldiers, they will work toward a higher standard to accomplish the mission because of the pride they feel of being part of your section, squad or platoon," Davis said. "Now when you look out for your soldiers, you're also looking out for their families because many of the soldiers coming into the Army these days are married. It's not like the old draft Army where the majority were single."

In Davis' 30 years of service, he has seen the Army integrate new technology that has improved not only the weapons of war but the speed in which the Army communicates.

"Probably the first tanks I was on were M60s or M48s. There were no computers - everything was inputted manually into the tank," Davis said. "When you shot at someone and the first round hit in most cases to me it was because they committed suicide by running into the round."

Davis added, "Today's advances in tanks, Bradleys and aircraft with computers have greatly increased the capabilities of a first-round hit."

The advancement of computers hasn't just affected weapons, but the way the Army conducts day-to-day business.

Davis said, "Computers have given the Army the ability to go from a lot of paper forms to creating databases with the forms on the Internet, where you can get on, type it and be done."

Another aspect is the speed with which documents can now be transferred, said Davis.

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Sgt. Raymond Piper

Col. Larry Burch, 4th Bde., 87th Div., commander, presents Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Davis, outgoing command sergeant major, with a flag for his years of service.

New command sergeant major takes reins of 4th Bde., 87th Div. (TS)

Command Sgt. Jerry Nelson took the reins as the 4th Brigade, 87th Division (Training Support) command sergeant major from Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Davis, Jan. 5 during a ceremony at Marne Gardens.

"It will be a bittersweet feeling to leave," said Davis, the outgoing command sergeant major. "It's going to be bitter because I have

to leave. The sweet part is that I, hopefully, have left them better than I found them."

Nelson comes to the 4th Brigade from 3rd U.S. Army Central Command, Saudi Arabia, and has served in numerous enlisted leadership positions from section chief to chief Division Artillery command sergeant major.

His first assignment was with the 2nd Battalion, 30th Field Artillery, Vicenza, Italy. After his tour in Italy, he was assigned to the 6th Bn., 33rd Field Artillery, III Corps Artillery, Fort Sill, Okla., where he progressed from sergeant missile crewman to section chief.

While at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, he served as an instructor and writer for the Lance Officer and Noncommissioned Officer Advance Course, served as the NCOIC of the Lance Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, operation sergeant for the Directorate of Training and Evaluation.

Nelson was the first sergeant for the first Multiple Launch Rocket System Army Tactical Missile Battery to deploy to Germany.

His assignments as a sergeant major include operations sergeant major for the 24th Infantry Div.; command sergeant major of the 3rd Bn., 41st Field Artillery, 24th Inf. Div.; command sergeant major, 1st Bn., 9th Field Artillery, and as the command sergeant major for the 3rd Inf. Div., Division Artillery.

"I have had the opportunity to work with National Guard and reservist in my previous assignments so I understand how they work, which has helped to prepare me for this assignment," said Nelson. "I'm really looking forward to this task and I think that anytime a command sergeant major gets the chance to train and work with reservists, and to train them to standard, is a benefit to the Army."



Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper

Col. Larry Burch, 4th Bde., 87th Div., commander, passes the colors to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Nelson Jan. 5 at Marne Gardens.



The brigade and battalion colors dip during the singing of the National Anthem.

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Ed. center, Legal, Chaplains offer services for soldiers and families

Pvt. 2 Emily Danial
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

As weeks go by, more and more soldiers are leaving Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield and more and more spouses and families are left here to attempt to resume their lives until their soldier returns home.

To some families, the task of continuing to live as normal-ly as possible may seem daunting. However, help is on the way — in fact, it’s already here.

In addition to the garrison organizations covered last week, there are other specific groups at Fort Stewart and Hunter who are perpetually working to assist deploying soldiers, their fam-ilies and others on post in getting back to their temporarily dis-rupted lives.

The Army Continuing Education System, the Legal Assistance Office and the Chaplains and Chaplains’ Assistants here have been and are continuing to be instrumental in the garrison’s effort to support all those affected by the deploy-ment.

ACES’ primary mission, said spokesperson Carolyn Darsey, is “to improve the combat readiness of the total Army through planning, resourcing and implementing educational programs and services to support the professional develop-ment of quality soldiers and provide identified needs, pro-grams and services for family members.”

The education center offers college classes, college-level exams and standardized tests as well as courses pertaining to military training, and families are invited to take advantage of these.

“Most of our programs, except the College Program, are free of charge to family members. We have listings of fund-ing alternatives such as the Federal Financial Aid Program, Georgia HOPE program and others that may provide funding for family members to attend college,” said Darsey.

She added, “We have witnessed numerous continuous deployments of brigade-sized organizations over the last few years ... there is hope that more family members and spouses will remain in this area during this deployment. Family mem-

bers and spouses make up a significant portion of our program enrollments, especially college enrollment.”

The Legal Assistance Offices provide legal aid to any sol-dier, family member or retiree who has a valid military ID card. It offers assistance with wills, powers of attorney and preparation of taxes, among others.

One service that is frequently used, said Capt. Gary McNeal, an attorney at the legal office, is the appointment of an individual who would be authorized to make any important decisions in the event something should happen to incapacitate the person who was given power of attorney over a deployed soldier’s dealings. The different types of these are called “parental acts.”

McNeal said that in spite of the increasing number of peo-ple requiring legal assistance, “we continue to meet all appointments.” He said the office has had the benefit of new attorneys as well as several Reservists coming in to help and has not had problems meeting anyone’s needs.

While their physical needs are being taken care of, families also have a place to go on post for their spiritual needs. Lt. Col. Allen Boatright, the deputy installation chaplain, said, “We provide worship support and worship services for all sol-diers and family members assigned to our commander’s responsibility. There are 18 worship services on Post and of course, many more off-post based on faith tradition and needs.”

He said since the deployment began, the post has gone from 35 Unit Ministry Teams to eight. “Those eight,” he said, “will work with all services and provide support to the family mem-bers of our soldiers who deploy.”

According to Boatright, the recent arrival of Reserve troops has helped the Chaplains’ mission tremendously.

“The 3220th Garrison Support Unit ... brought two Unit Ministry Teams with them,” he said. “Without their support we’d be forced to close at least one chapel.”

As it stands right now, Boatright said there has been no need to cancel any services due to the deployment.

These three organizations and others continue to do their part to help soldiers and their families all over Fort Stewart



File photo

The Education Center offers a variety of classes and free testing for soldiers and their families.

and Hunter get back into the ebb and flow of life on post, although for some this may be a wearisome undertaking, with many tasks to accomplish before they can feel as calm, cool and collected as they’d like to be.

However, since nothing can be finished unless it’s started, ACES, the Legal Assistance Office and the Chaplains, among others, are here, ready and willing to give that extra nudge back toward life as “normal.”

To get in contact with:

ACES: Call Ms. Carolyn B. Darsey, DSN 870-8331.

Legal Assistance Office:

Call Capt. Gary McNeal at 767-8819/8809.

A Chaplain: Call during duty hours

767-8801 or 767-4878. After duty hours call 767-8666.



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Air defenders blaze through drill

Capt. Enrique T. Vasquez

32nd AAMDC PAO

CAMP DOHA, Kuwait — Patriot soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas, got a rare opportunity to show its expert patriot skills in Southwest Asia during a patriot launcher crew drill, Jan. 12 in the Kuwaiti desert.

The simulated SCUD missile launch came from Battery C's command post as personnel scurried to battle positions and relayed the SCUD launch alert to the patriot engagement control station and the down range 'hot crew.'

"Scud launch, scud launch, scud launch," Spc. David Van Meter, early warning operator, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 1st ADA said.

Standing ready, Sgt. Khristian Brading, patriot launcher "hot crew" chief, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 1st ADA repeated, "SCUD launch, let's roll," to his launcher crew as they jumped in a HUMVEE and raced down-range to begin arming Battery C's patriot launchers.

Once in position, Brading coordinated with the ECS, while he waited for his crew to announce each that launcher was ready.

"Missile heat time is now," Spc. Daniel Boado, patriot launcher crewmember, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 1st ADA said.

"Roger. ECS this is hot crew. Request permission to remote launcher," relays Brading to the tactical control officer, 2nd Lt. Brendan Mcshea, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 1st ADA, who is in the ECS.

"Roger," Mcshea said.

In a matter of seconds, a patriot battery is ready to

fire.

For the last 12 years, the patriot air and missile defense soldier has become a common figure around the world. Patriot soldiers routinely rotate on deployments, protecting the nation's interests.

Patriot soldiers have their reasons for serving America and are trained, confident, committed and motivated.

"I am here serving my country in a foreign nation to ensure that my family's freedoms and customs are preserved," Spc. Shawn Romine, patriot launcher crewmember, Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 1st ADA said.

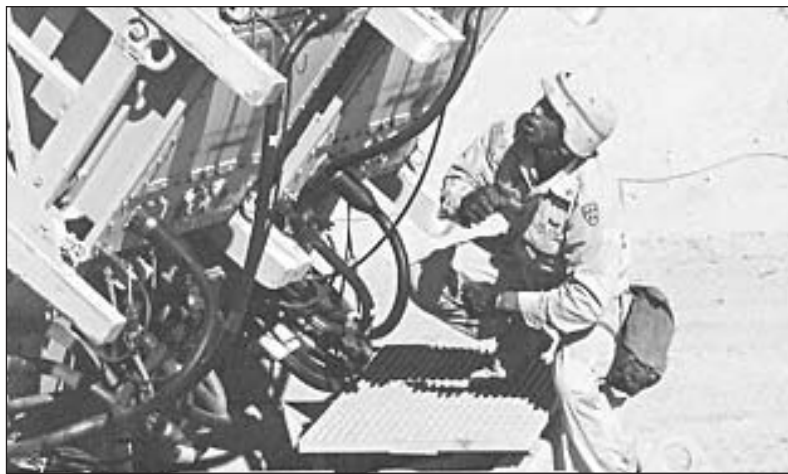
"My being here is to ensure that the family I will eventually have one day is guaranteed the same way of life that I grew up with," Pfc. Monica Hall, patriot system maintainer, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 1st ADA said.

Van Mete said, "Having two young boys and a wife back home is the biggest reason I am here. I am protecting their way of life. This is a historical time, and I am proud to be here."

Many of the soldiers deployed are veterans from Desert Storm, and deployed routinely all over the world. Patriot soldiers are honing in on military occupational specialty skills, confident in their equipment, confident in training and committed to the mission.

"Our soldiers are fully trained. We executed a very robust mission essential task list, and we focused training from last summer to our present deployment," said Lt. Col. Joseph DeAntona, Commander 2nd Battalion, 1st ADA.

Patriot soldiers remain ready and prepared to demonstrate their job to our adversaries if called upon by the president of the United States.



Capt. Enrique T. Vasquez

(Above) Cpl. Tommie Boulter, patriot missile crewmember, Battery C, 2nd Bn., 1st ADA checks patriot missile canister torque tube to ensure it is in the proper position, prior to turning on the missile heat switches on the Patriot launcher.

(Left) Cpl. Isaac Ramirez, patriot missile crewmember, Battery C, 2nd Bn., 1st ADA dons his M-40 protective mask, during a demonstration Patriot launcher crew drill.



It's PMCS or walk:

Deployed soldiers keep equipment mission ready, stop maintenance troubles early with regular checks, services

Spc. Adam Nuelken

Staff Writer, Frontline Forward

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — "If you've got a vehicle, you've got to take care of it, or you're gonna' walk," said Sgt. Paul Davis. "I had a friend of mine at (Fort) Bragg who said 'if you ride your vehicle hard too the battle, it's gonna' break when you need it most.'"

Davis is a Bradley System Mechanic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, and like many other mechanics on Camp New York, he has been performing maintenance and services day after day since being back from the brigade live-fire.

"(We're) doing services on all the vehicles for whatever mission comes next," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Hawn Sr., shop foreman for B

Company, 3/15 Inf. "Services are important to keep the vehicles up."

A major concern for the mechanics is soldiers not performing proper preventive maintenance checks and services. When soldiers do PMCS, most future problems can be resolved early, which cuts down the amount of services needed, according to the mechanics.

"Services are important because some crews don't (PMCS) like they're supposed to," said Davis. "Some of them are doing it correctly by taking their time."

Davis went on to say that it takes a trained mechanic about an hour to properly PMCS a humvee, while some crews will only take about 15 minutes to do it.

"Mechanics are doing what they can, but there aren't enough to do (technical manual) checks on all the vehicles," Davis added.

When performing the PMCS, Davis and Hawn agree with taking your time, using the technical manual and making sure all faults are reported to the mechanics. When deficiencies are reported, the vehicles can be repaired, which may mean the difference in life or death in a wartime situation.

"Quicker ain't always better. For a lot of these people, like the people on the Bradley's, it's their lifeline," Davis said. "These folks, some of them realize their life is on the line."

"Instead of learning the tricks of the trade, learn the trade," he added. "PMCS by the book, with the book. You've got to treat it like it was your car back home, and we got some guys that do treat it like it's their Cadillac."

Apart from reading the technical manual for your vehicle, the

mechanics also recommended Preventive Services Magazine as another resource.

"PS Magazine is good," according to Hawn. "It helps a lot because they put a lot of updates in the PS Magazine that aren't in the technical manual."

"The best thing they can do is read their (technical manual), look through the PS Magazines and notify their mechanics when something goes wrong."

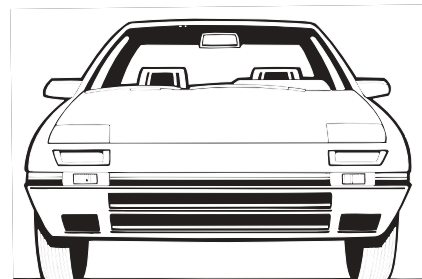
"People come in and say there is nothing wrong, then two days later it's dead-lined," Davis explained. "Over half the time, what we see come in are dumb mistakes like over-looking stuff. If it's broke, say it's broke."

The mechanics of 3/15 Inf. will be working on services and vehicle maintenance throughout the next few weeks as part of the preparations for gunnery.

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Nation’s dogs work together

Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

11th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Dogs, drugs and explosives are part of everyday life here for some American and Estonian military police.

Four U.S. and three Estonian working dogs are used here to detect explosives and narcotics.

The Estonian dogs are Labradors and the U.S. dogs include two German shepherds and two Belgium Malinois.

Labradors are good at searching for contraband, but don’t have the temperament to be attack dogs, according to Staff Sgt. Michael Sytsma, Bagram kennel master, 35th MP Detachment, Fort Gordon, Ga.

“The U.S. dogs are dual trained in attack and explosives or narcotics,” Sytsma added. “The U.S. has narrowed the working dogs to these breeds because they are good at attack and searching for contraband.”

The dogs attend a 90 day school to learn their trade.

They are trained to give a passive response when they find

contraband. The dogs will sit if they smell something.

The dog is given a reward of a toy or treat if they find contraband in training exercises and real situations.

“Our dogs are like children. We train them like children - teaching them things over and over,” said Sgt. Jon Lockhart, dog handler, 179th MP Detachment, Fort Stewart, Ga. “They depend on us.”

Sytsma agreed, “You make it like a game for them.”

The handlers must be trained also. The trainers must be MPs first, then they can request to attend the three month dog handler course.

The dog handlers not only attend a three month course, but also must attend a first aid for dogs class once a quarter. The handlers must also know how to take care of the dog’s health. The dogs are fed Science Diet because Veterinary Command has dictated that it is the best food for military working dogs.

The dogs and their trainer have a special bond. “The bond my dog and I have is almost like a marriage. You have to keep your dog happy and give him love and affection,” said Sytsma. “My dog knows his job, he’s never let me down and I’d trust my life to him.”



Photos by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

(Above) Staff Sgt. Michael Sytsma, Bagram kennel master, 35th Military Police Detachment, Fort Gordon, Ga. and his dog, Rico, check for contraband at the gate for the Baazar.

(Left) Staff Sgt. Michael Sytsma, Bagram kennel master, 35th Military Police Detachment, Fort Gordon, Ga. uses a hand presentation to show his dog, Rico, where to check for contraband.

31D soldiers to receive Smallpox vaccination

Laurie Kemp

Winn Public Affairs

Soldiers in the 3rd Infantry Division began receiving Smallpox vaccinations late last week in accordance with President Bush's Smallpox Vaccination Program.

The vaccine is composed of the vaccinia virus, a live-virus related to Smallpox. According to Dr. (Col.) Paula Underwood, deputy commander for clinical services at Winn Army Community Hospital, the vaccine is the safest and most effective way to protect soldiers in the event there is actual exposure to Smallpox.

The vaccine provides high-level immunity for three to five years and starts protecting within three days of the vaccination, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The vaccine is given using a bifurcated, or two-pronged, needle. The needle is dipped into the vaccine solution where a small droplet forms. The needle is then shallowly jabbed into the upper arm three times for those receiving the vaccine for the first time and 15 times if the person has received the vaccine before.

"Serious side effects from this vaccine are extremely rare - about one in a million people will have life-threatening reaction," Underwood said. "The typical reactions are a sore arm coupled with redness and itching. Sometimes headaches and a low-grade fever are present and those are normal reactions."

If the vaccination is successful, a red and itchy bump develops at the vaccine site in three or four days, according to the CDC. In the first week, the bump becomes a large blister, fills with pus and begins to drain. During the second week, the blister begins to dry up and a scab forms. The scab falls off in the third week, leaving a small scar.

"It is important to practice good hygiene after receiving the vaccination," Underwood said. "Keep the area covered until the scab falls off and avoid touching the site. If you do, wash your hands."

While the vaccine has been around a long



Winn Photo

Sgt. James E. Wilson, pharmacy technician at Winn Army Community Hospital, vaccinates a 3rd Infantry Division soldier against Smallpox.

time, healthcare providers trained to give the vaccination have not. According to Underwood, vaccination teams at Winn received intensive training including hands-on practice and lectures prior to giving a real vaccination.

For more information about Smallpox, visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov, the Army website at www.smallpox.army.mil or talk to your healthcare provider.

Normal Reactions

Information provided by the CDC

1. The arm receiving the vaccination may be sore and red where the vaccine was given.
2. The glands in the armpits may become large and sore.
3. The vaccinated person may run a low fever.
4. One out of three people may feel bad enough to miss work or recreational activities or have trouble sleeping.

New guide offers instant references for NCO

Staff Sgt. Dave Enders

Army News Service

FORT BLISS, Texas — A new, pocket-sized reference for NCOs is only a few mouse clicks away.

Field Manual 7-22.7, The Army Noncommissioned Officer Guide, is now available for electronic download; hard copies of FM 7-22.7 are scheduled to arrive at active-duty units this month.

According to the guide's preface, FM 7-22.7 provides the Army's NCOs a guide for leading, supervising and caring for soldiers. While not all-inclusive nor intended as a stand-alone manual, the guide offers NCOs a ready reference for most situations.

Field Manual 7-22.7, which replaces Training Circular 22-6, The Noncommissioned Officer's Guide, is five chapters long and 5 1/2 inches wide by 8 1/2 inches long and fits in the cargo pocket of a battle dress uniform. The handbook offers instructions, guidance and information on NCO-related topics, including leadership, training, history, duties, responsibilities and authority.

Gen. John N.

Abrams, former commander of the Training and Doctrine Command, directed an update to Training Circular 22-6, The Noncommissioned Officer's Guide in September 2001. He did so based on recommendations from the Army Training and Leadership Development Panel members who had conducted a study to determine how the Army could make a professional NCO corps even better. One of the panel's recommendations was that FM 22-600-20, The Army Noncommissioned Officer Guide, be re-established, updated and published, but the recommendation didn't address TC 22-6.

Soon after the USASMA director of Training and Doctrine, Sgt. Maj. Ricky Smith, was asked to oversee the project, THE EDGE Research and Development, an El Paso firm, was awarded the contract. Stephen Snyder, one of THE EDGE contractors and a retired Army major, worked with two retired sergeants major on the project.

"These are still soldiers who are passionate about what they're doing," said USASMA Command Sgt. Maj. Clifford R. West.

Although his writing team was responsible for assembling most of the information for FM 7-22.7, Snyder credited several others as key to the success. "The sergeant major of the Army took a personal interest in this project," said Snyder.

In fact, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley endorsed the NCO Vision in the beginning of the book. Snyder also specifically credited three others who he said greatly contributed to the vision and concept for FM 7-22.7: TRADOC Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony J. Williams, Combined Arms Center Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia A. Pritchett, and West.

These top NCOs continually offered suggestions and guidance throughout the development of FM 7-22.7, said Snyder.

The writing team focused those top NCOs'

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Stephen Snyder
One of THE EDGE contractors and a retired Army major

vision to build a portable reference that Army leaders can easily reference in a variety of situations. The team recommended it as FM 7-22.7.

"It is a ready reference that draws from literally hundreds of other field manuals, Army regulations, Army pamphlets and other sources," said Snyder. "We wrote

this so that all Army leaders could use it and benefit from it."

The U.S. Army Publishing Agency will distribute FM 7-22.7 to all established active-duty account holders; however, Army National Guard and Reserve units must order copies. All Army components may order copies of FM 7-22.7 through USAPA as they would any other field manuals.

In addition to the printed version, USAPA has established an electronic version for download at the Gen. Dennis J. Reimer Training & Doctrine Digital Library, www.addtl.army.mil/cgi-bin/addtl.dll/fm/7-22.7/fm7-22.7.htm. NCOs can link to the Reimer library through Army Knowledge Online, www.us.army.mil and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy home page, <http://usasma.bliss.army.mil/dotd/ncoguide.htm>.

From the AKO home page, go to the Reference section and select "Manuals." The USASMA home page contains a direct link, and there's also a link at the "Training and Doctrine" section of the site.

New course to help cope under stress

DCAS Press Release

Beginning in February, the Directorate of Community Activities' Army Community Service, DCAS, offers two free courses soldiers and their families. They are sponsored by the Georgia Chapter of the National Alliance for Mentally Ill, NAMI-GEORGIA, and taught by Laura Arisohn, a certified Army Community Service special needs family project educator.

Family-to-Family is a comprehensive 12-week course designed specifically for families of adults and teens with major depressions, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, panic disorder or obsessive-compulsive disorder.

The class offers information, self-care, coping skills and emotional support. They begin Feb. 06, 2003, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Classes continue each Thursday of the 12-week period.

Visions for Tomorrow is a comprehensive 8-week course designed for families of children with ADD/ADHD, PDD/Autism, Tourette's disorder, Conduct Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Depression, Eating Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, and Early Onset Schizophrenia/Schizoaffective. This class will offer information, problem management, empathy, sharing, coping and self-care advocacy, judicial and stigma. It begins March 4, 2003, and continues every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. throughout the 8-week period.

Due to space limitations and confidentiality issues, pre-registration is required for both courses. Contact Laura Arisohn, Special Needs Family Project Educator, at 912-767-3032 for more information.

Military W-2s Available On-line

Armed Services Reserve personnel are currently able to download their 2002 W-2s from their Intranet site. These downloaded W-2s are considered standard. Returns prepared using these W-2s can be filed electronically. The client will need his or her PIN previously issued by the military. A tax associate preparing someone's taxes may not enter the information on behalf of the client and may not ask for or learn the client's PIN.

The website includes a process (in the FAQ section) for obtaining a new PIN if the client does not know his or her PIN. It may take several days for the taxpayer to receive the new PIN.

Website: <https://emss.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>

Access: Social Security Number of the service member

Requirements:

Military-issued PIN

W-2 forms for active duty personnel will not be available on line until the end of January. Active duty personnel will receive their hard copies of W-2 forms around the time that W-2s are available on-line.

Returns prepared using a Leave and Earnings statement cannot be filed electronically. IRS rules continue to prohibit transmission of a tax return that includes W-2 income until the client provides an actual W-2.

POLICE REPORTS

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Stewart

Sports USA Superbowl Party

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Police officer recruitment

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department is looking for officers for many areas of their department. The hiring process will begin 9:30 a.m., Feb. 5 at the ACAP office. The Darany Entry level Police Officers Examination will be given, the applicants will have two hours to complete the test. For an appointment, call 767-2611 or for more information, call 877-525-6145, e-mail dharkey@cmpd.org or visit the website at www.cmpd.org.

Tax assistance available

Get free tax assistance at the Marne Tax Assistance Center. The center is open 9 to 5 pm Monday through Friday at Building 9611 in the National Guard Training Center area. Call 767-3909 for more information.

\$500 Reward

There is a \$500 reward being offered for information leading directly to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the theft of a set of AN/PVS 7A Night Vision Goggles (Serial #06472C) belonging to the HHC, 2nd Bn., 7th Inf. The goggles were reported missing from the dust bowl, Fort Irwin, Calif. Oct. 19.

Anyone with information concerning this crime can, contact CID Special Agent Barragan at DSN 470-5885 or Commercial (760) 380-5885. Offer expires Dec. 9, 2003.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is currently seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering at the hospital, youth center, bowling alley, gym, library and Red Cross Office. They are also seeking to fill volunteer leadership positions. For more information, call 767-2197.

School questions

If you have school-related questions concerning your child's education, call the Directorate of Community Activities and Services between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Leave a message for the school liaison officer stating your name, home and work telephone numbers or e-mail and reason for calling. You can also E-mail David Smith at David.Smith4@stewart.army.mil, or call him directly at 767-6533/6071.

Life Skills class

As part of the installation's Operational Stress Control Program, Division Mental Health is offering life skills training for soldiers, non-commissioned officers and junior officers.

The objectives are to help people develop skills relating to dealing with

difficult people, achieving goals, listening skills, differences between self-talk and reality, and passive, aggressive and assertive communication. For more information, call 767-2545.

American Red Cross

The Fort Stewart station of the American Red Cross is located in Building 623 off Wilson Avenue. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 767-2197. After-hours emergency message service (877) 272-7337.

Join Special Forces

The Special Forces recruiting office is seeking professional enlisted and officer volunteers to join the ranks of one of America's most premier fighting forces.

Available class dates for Special Forces assessment and selection are Feb. 16 and March 23. Both combat and non combat MOSs may apply.

To learn more about Special Forces, attend the weekly briefing at Hunter, noon and 4 p.m., Tuesdays at the Education Center or Fort Stewart, 10 a.m., 2 or 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Recruiting Office, Building 132 (Coastal Communications). For more information, call 767-1857.

Recycle cardboard

All military units and activities should deliver their bulk cardboard to the new Processing Station, located off of Kilpatrick Rd. (Gate #6) next to the landfill scale house. All other customers should take their cardboard to the Recycling Center, located on the corner of McFarland Ave. and Sigma St.

Processing Station hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Recycling Yard hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 767-8880/6327.

Outdoor recreation

See what recreational services and activities are available for you and your family. Go to the fishing and camping outdoor recreation websites at:

www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/fish

For more information on area attractions, events and craft classes, see the Leisure Guide at www.fort-stewartmwr.com.

School Board meetings

Be involved in your child's education and learn what is happening at schools located on Fort Stewart. The following is the school board meeting schedule for Diamond and Brittin Elementary schools for the duration of the school year all meetings are held at 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 20 at Diamond
Mar. 22 at Brittin
April 17 at Diamond
May 15 at Brittin

Fort Stewart Museum

The Fort Stewart Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Have your next small unit gathering at the Fort Stewart Museum. For more information, call 767-7885.

Hunter

Hunter Community Meeting

The next Hunter Community Meeting will be 7 p.m., Tuesday, at ACS, Building 1286.

Hunter traffic delays

Montgomery Gate construction began Nov. 18; Wilson Gate construction began Dec. 10. Each gate is down to one inbound and one outbound lane. You will not be able to exit through Middleground Rd. This will create delays. Plan accordingly and allow extra time to gain post access.

The following will help expedite traffic:

- * Ensure your vehicle is registered
- * Get extended passes if authorized
- * Avoid leaving and having to reenter
- * The worst times will be during lunch hours 12 to 1:30 p.m.; try to utilize on post facilities.

Rio Gate now open

The Rio Gate is now open to vehicles with Department of Defense decals only. The gate will be open at the following times: 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday; 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The gate will be closed on federal holidays.

Hunter Lanes Tournaments

The 4th Annual PWBA Southeast Regional Patriots Classic is scheduled for Feb. 14 through 16 at Hunter Lanes, 337 N. Middleground Road.

The 4th Annual Sweetheart Tournament at Hunter Lanes, 1 p.m., Feb. 9. The cost is \$20 per couple, teams are male/female, the format is scotch double, 9-pin no tap and alibi. The tournament is open to all bowlers, sign-up starts at noon and ends 15 minutes before the start of play.

• **Two-fer-Tuesday** - Two people bowl for the price of one, 6 p.m. until closing, every Tuesday.

• **Casino Bingo** - Friday and Saturday night, 9 p.m. until midnight. Win free bowling passes, prizes and cash; open to bowlers age 18 and over.

• **Dollar Day** - All games \$1 opening to closing every Sunday. There is a one-lane limit for parties of less than eight bowlers.

• **Super Bowling** — Games only \$1 on Mondays and Wednesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Pay only \$2 a game on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Marvin's Corner Cafe** — Serving the best food at Hunter Army Airfield.

For more information on any of these events or to place pick up orders at Marvin's Corner Cafe, call 352-6279.

Army Education Center

The Army Education Center is sponsoring a Pell Grant/Financial Aid Workshop, 3 p.m., Feb. 12 and Mar. 19, at the Army Education Center, Building 1290.

Bring your completed tax returns and W-2 Forms.

Correspondence Courses

Do you need promotion points? Visit the Hunter Education Center to sign up for Army Correspondence Courses. Call 352-6130 for more information.

FCC Certification

If you would like to be Federal Communications Commission certified, the Hunter Education Center is the place to go. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification.

Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent, up to \$250 per semester hour, so come on in and sign up with your education counselor today. For more information, call 352-6130.

Airframe and Powerplant

Do you want to be A&P certified? The Hunter Education Center is the place to go. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification.

Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent. For more information, call 352-6130.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present a show at the Hunter Club on Feb. 12 starting at 9:30 p.m. Performance will feature two comedians and one headliner. Doors open at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations, call 269-0277.

11th Annual Golf Tournament

American Red Cross Savannah Chapter is hosting the 11th Annual Golf Tournament and Million Dollar Shoot-out 2003, Feb. 27 and 28 at Southbridge. Shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m., Feb. 27 and 9 a.m., Feb. 28.

For more information, call 651-5309 or e-mail at Tournament web site www.tournevents.com/red-cross.

Golf Tournament reschedule

The Annual Hunter Golf Club Championship, normally scheduled in September, will now be held March 29 and 30. For more information, call 352-5622.

Hunter Outdoor Recreation

Pass and Permit is located in Building 8454, hours of business are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Thursday and Friday; and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Lotts Island Marina can be reached at 352-5974, hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Thursday and Friday; and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and holidays. For more information, call 352-5722.

Hunter Skeet Range is located in Building 8250, hours of operation are 4 to 9 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Medical Threat Briefings

Units that require a Medical Threat Briefing can now schedule it by calling Environmental Health at 767-3050.

EFMP Enrollment Orientation

The Exceptional Family Member Program will be holding an enrollment orientation from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Jan. 23 in the hospital auditorium. Meet other families and learn about other community support services.

For more information, call Jennie Pullings at 370-6505.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday.

To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

A nurse line is available for patients at least 20-weeks into their pregnancy who may have questions that can't wait to be answered until their regularly scheduled appointment.

To speak with a nurse, call 370-6550.

ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependent family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street.

For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Division Mental Health Clinic

The Behavioral Health Clinic at Winn will assume the duties of Division Mental Health, effective immediately. This means that all Division soldiers and additional Reserve and national Guard soldiers will be treated at the Behavioral Health Clinic.

Sick-call hours are 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, except federal and training holidays. Division chapter and administration evaluations will continue to be assessed on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 1 p.m.

No evaluations will be completed if soldiers sign into the clinic after 1:30 p.m.

Emergencies after 4 p.m. on duty days, weekends and holidays are seen in the Winn emergency room.

If you have any questions, call the clinic at 370-6100.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what healthcare services are available to you — from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling pre-

scriptions to schedule appointments.

For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

TRICARE 'online'

There is an e-mail address where you can go to get assistance with TRICARE questions: **TRICARE_help@amedd.army.mil**. If you would prefer to ask your questions to someone in the Fort Stewart/Hunter area, you may contact a health benefits advisor/beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator.

If you have soldiers who are deployed, they too can access information and get assistance at Winn, 370-6015 or Tuttle, 352-5062.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic

Marilyn O'Mallon is Tuttle Army Health Clinic's patient representative.

Her role as a patient advocate means that patients have someone to address their concerns and find resolutions to their problems. She also offers notary service. Visit O'Mallon in her office at Tuttle Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call 352-5731 or e-mail at Marilyn.O'Mallon@se.amedd.army.mil.

"Winn Delivers" videos

Expectant moms and partners unable to attend a scheduled labor and delivery tour at Winn can now borrow a video tape that contains a 15-minute "video tour." This video gives families a sneak peek at what to expect during and after delivery at Winn.

Copies are available in the OB-GYN Clinic on the fourth floor or at the public affairs office on the first floor.

"Take Care of Yourself" class

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class at Tuttle will be 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday in the library. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book.

Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle.

To register, call 370-5071 or 767-6633.

Tobacco cessation class

The next Tobacco Cessation class will start Feb. 20. The class can help people who chew, dip or smoke.

This four-week class is available from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays. To register, call 370-5071.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jan. 28 at Winn.

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Father and son deploy to Kuwait

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

“I’m not a child!”
“You’re my child!” Mel Gibson as Col. Benjamin Martin shouted these words to his son (Heath Ledger) in the blockbuster movie, “The Patriot.”
For Staff Sgt. David Harmon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry and his son Spc. Dereck Harmon, 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, this is no scene from a movie. Fort Stewart’s “patriots” will be deploying with 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), sometime this week, to Kuwait.
Janice Harmon, the wife and mother of these two soldiers, beams with pride. “I don’t fear anything,” she declares, resting her faith in God and confidence in her soldiers’ ability. She remains composed in the face of something that every mother and wife in the U.S. military fears because, “I was in the Army for fifteen years ... we expect this to happen,” she said.
Janice herself was a drill sergeant and a personnel specialist who was always expected to take care of her soldiers and she said she loved her job. Janice wastes no time showing visitors of her house the vast awards her family has earned in the military. Her niece is in the Air Force; she has a sister who is retired military and a brother who is a sergeant major. Any guest invited over will see the photographs of her family and a stunning portrait of Janice, wearing Class A’s, hanging, front and center over the couch. She smiles every time she looks at her husband and son.
Dereck, like so many young soldiers, joined the Army for the Montgomery G.I. Bill and the Army College fund. Now, as a chemical specialist attached to 1st Brigade, he expects his training to be put to good use in Kuwait.
He is confident.
“We have been training for this for two and a half months,” Dereck said assuredly, “I couldn’t ask for a

better job.” This will be 21-year-old Dereck’s first deployment. With war looming on the horizon he said, “a lot of the young guys are uneasy. There’s a fear of the unknown.”
The elder Harmon said, “Just believe in your combat skills and your leaders.” He wants all the young soldiers to know that. Having been raised in the military, Dereck knows this without being told.
After being in the Army for more than twenty years, David Harmon plans on making this tour his last “hoorah.” The 43-year-old Youngstown, Ohio native is the model of excellence that the 3rd Inf. Div. and Fort Stewart have come to expect. Harmon is the NCOIC of the Divarty Dining Facility. He loves the Army and the benefits for his family. David has served all over the world, including Hawaii, Korea and Germany. He was a BNCOC instructor from 1996 to 2000 and served a combat tour in Somalia. He knows what it means to be a soldier. “It’s good for him (Dereck) to see what the Army’s all about,” he smiles, “there’s a lot more to this than just Fort Stewart.”
David is not worried about who will take care of his wife because, “That’s what my daughters are for,” he exclaims.
Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Harmon have raised their daughters, Deletra, 11, and Jillisa, 13, as well as they’ve raised their son. They can be a handful, she says with emphasis, and they will miss their father’s discipline. The former drill sergeant has a “let daddy take care of that” policy. Janice knows she is in good hands. The girls can’t wait for their brother and father to return.
Harmon plans to retire and find a management position in the civilian food service industry.
Only five classes away from his bachelor’s degree at the University of Phoenix, David departs on this tour with his only regret. “But (college) will be there when I get back,” he said. Dereck will resume his education at the International Academy of Design and Technology in Tampa, Fla., when his enlistment is up.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Janice Harmon sits with her son, Spc. Dereck Harmon, 1st Bn., 3rd ADA (left) and husband, Staff. Sgt. David Harmon, HHC, 2/7th Inf.(right).

RANGERS

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enemy fire during the fight.

Eight Rangers were awarded the Bronze Star with “V” device for valor, with another 19 earning Bronze Stars. Almost 200 Rangers who served in Afghanistan between December 2001 and April 2002 were awarded Army Commendation Medals.

“Takur Ghar and other names unknown to many Americans are just now becoming known, due to the exemplary actions and valor of these men,” said Lt. Col. Michael Kershaw, commander, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment stationed at Hunter Army Airfield.

While Self and half of the platoon were fighting for their lives, the second Chinook found an area to set down and dropped off the other half of the quick reaction force. After they exited the helicopter, they learned they were about 2,000 feet below the pinned down Rangers.

At an altitude of over 10,000 feet and with snow varying from ankle to waist deep, Staff Sgt. Eric W. Stebner, fire team leader, and the rest of the reinforcements made their way up the mountain. After two hours of fighting the elements and enemy fire, the platoon linked up at the summit.

Helping organize an assault on the enemy forces, Stebner raced in and out of cover to help the wounded. While the final assault eliminated the immediate threat, it was now around noon and an extraction would be too risky until nightfall.

With al-Qaida forces in the area, a helicopter would be too tempting of a target in broad daylight. Maintaining control of the mountaintop proved a daunting challenge as well. For nearly eight hours,

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After finishing the bunker clearing training, each company moves on to an abandoned town in a quarry, Gallagher said. All of the soldiers’ skills are tested in this environment.

Bradleys, engineers, and everything the company uses during a regular exercise are used at the quarry site, Shuck said.

Most of the training involves live ammunitions, so there are safety concerns, said Sgt. James M. Barker, a squad leader from Alexandria, La.

“The battle is very high tempo,” he said. “We’re going into small buildings as teams and clearing them. It’s important that we avoid fratricide incidents. Fortunately, everyone’s got the basics down, or else they wouldn’t be here.”

“It’s safe,” Gallagher said. “The commanders set up sectors of fire and movement to support plans. It’s all sequenced so it works.”

The current training is another extension of everything the battalion has worked on since it arrived in Kuwait three months ago, Shuck said.

“This unit is peaking at a 10,” he said. “This is the culmination of their training - where they put it all together. It brings the focus back to the dismounted soldiers. You see a huge difference between where the soldiers were and where they are after they finish this training.”

they were sporadically attacked and harassed by grenades and rifle fire.

Capt. Nate Self, Staff Sgt. Eric Stebner, and the rest of the Rangers were finally evacuated at around 8:15 p.m., almost 14 hours since the first Chinook crash and almost 17 hours after the Navy SEALs first engaged the enemy. The end result would be seven American dead, including three Rangers from 1st Battalion, and several seriously wounded.

Following the award ceremony, Stebner, one of the nine Silver Star recipients, reflected on that day. “You’re up there and it’s not going to do anything but get worse,” he said. “You do what you can to come out on the good end of it.”

When asked what stood out about that day, the soft-spoken 27-year-old Ranger replied matter-of-factly. “Everyone has things that stand out. Some things I keep to myself; and some things I share with certain people.”

For the Rangers who sacrificed on that mountain, the memories of fallen brothers and acts of selflessness are best kept each in their own way. Staff Sgt. Stebner’s story is but one example of the valor displayed during the most trying of circumstances. Every Ranger who was there has a story to tell, and something as abbreviated as an award citation cannot possibly do each story justice.

“They say the true test of a civilization cannot be found in its statistics, but rather in its men,” said Kershaw. “It’s humbling to be in command of these men.”

TAXES

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their refunds back within seven days.

Information needed to file includes social security numbers, addresses, and child-care credits (if applicable). With the proper information, Ashmore said, “we can tell you at the time you drop it off when you can come back to pick up the completed return.”

The soldiers that work at the tax center, said Ashmore, are suitably trained. “They went to a 40-hour course. They had to pass a test, and they are certified by the Internal Revenue Service.”

She said spouses were welcome to file their deployed husband or wife’s tax returns, but that the spouse must bring with him or her a general power of attorney or an IRS special power of attorney (Form 2848) as well as all the information need to prepare the return.

The center will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. from January 21 till April 15. Extended hours starting in February are from 9 a.m. till 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. on Saturday. It can be reached by calling 767-3909, 767-6906, or 767-6761.

Cassundra Richardson, a military dependent filing taxes at the center, said, “I’ve filed here for the last three years and I’ve always been satisfied. I don’t understand why any service member would go anywhere else, because (here) it’s free, it’s quick ... it’s for the service members.”

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“That piece of paper had to be physically carried to another finance office. Back in the old times it would be at least 15 days before you would see any change. Now they can type it into the computer and send it off, and it could be fixed the next day.

“I think being able to get things done quicker has helped the morale of the soldier,” Davis said.

Of Davis’ many tours around the world, two stand out in his mind. His first duty station with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Armor, 3rd Armored Division, Kirch Goens, Germany, and Fort Stewart where he spent half of his career.

“I was a private in the Army as a tanker in Germany. Our unit had outstanding esprit de corps. It was the first unit I ever reenlisted in and it was because of that unit I stayed in the Army,” said Davis.

He added, “When you have good camaraderie, it just seems to click and make it better. I believe that if I had been in a unit where the climate was different, I wouldn’t of stayed in. Being able to communicate with your soldiers and command and them communicating back to you is one of the things that has helped.”

Davis had many reasons for coming back to Fort Stewart. He said one of them was that his hometown is only 66 miles away, but besides that he said, “The opportunities for fun, travel and adventure.”

He said, “You get to go places and see different places, people and countries. That’s what I wanted to do when I joined the Army and Fort Stewart seems to provide that opportunity quite frequently.”

In Davis’ two tours to Stewart he has seen many changes and improvements.

“The thing that sticks out in my mind about my first tour here is that we still had the old wood hospital,” Davis said. “There was no Burger King on post. You had the PX and whatever was in it.”

By his second tour in 1993, the old wooden hospital was replaced with the current facility and according to Davis there were many new improvements to the overall structure of the post.

“There were many range improvements, such as Clifford Range and MPRCs, that have greatly improved and enhanced the capabilities of our soldiers to fight and win in combat,” said Davis. “Overall, the Army has evolved quite a bit.

Davis recently retired from the military after 30 years of service.

He said, “I don’t think I would change anything. It’s been a good life. The military ... has looked after my family and me, and I’ve enjoyed what I’ve been doing. That’s the thing - if you enjoy what you are doing, do it until you don’t enjoy it.”



On Post

Academy deadlines

The Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools have posted the following key dates to remember concerning registration to the Academies, formerly know as the Magnet Programs:

Feb. 7 — Academy application deadline for lottery

Feb. 21 — Lottery date

Feb. 24 — Letters mailed to parents (acceptance, denial, and second choice letters)

March 28 — Deadline for school year 03/04 pre-registration

For more information on the Academies, contact the SCCPS central office at 201-4170 or the School Liaison Office, at 767-6533 or 352-5525

2nd BCT FRG calendar

The following events will be held by the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Family Readiness Group:

- Champion Brief 6 to 7 p.m. today at the Winn Army Community hospital Auditorium.

- FRG bowling night at Stewart Lanes starting at 6 p.m. Jan. 30.

- Walk to Kuwait at Quick Track Feb. 11 5 to 6 p.m.

- Appetizer pot luck at the 1/64 classroom noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 15.

- Walk to Kuwait at Quick Track Feb. 25 5 to 6 p.m.

If you would like your FRG schedule to be included, email Frontline volunteer, Casey Craig at caseybrcraig@coatal-now.com.

ACS seeks volunteers

Army Community Service is looking for volunteers. There are a variety of programs to volunteer in: information and referral, relocation services, family member employment, family advocacy program, Army Emergency Relief and many other ACS programs.

You may set your own hours and may receive 12 free hours of childcare per week at CDS. For more information call 767-5058.

Tax assistance available

Get free tax assistance at the Marne Tax Assistance Center. The center is open 9 to 5 pm Monday through Friday at Building 9611 in the National Guard Traning Center area. Call 767-3909 for more information.

Off Post

VFW Steak Night

Wednesday night is Steak night at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, located at 931 Highway 196 West. T-bone or Rib eye steak dinners for only \$10 with baked potato, vegetable, salad, roll and iced tea. Dine-in or carryout available. All funds are used to support local active and retired veterans and their families.

Volunteers needed

The Savannah Speech and Hearing Center is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed to conduct hearing screening on children and adults. Nurses or retired nurses are desperately needed to do eye, ear and dental exams on preschool children. For more information, call Jane Medoff at 355-4601.

USO seeks volunteers

The local USO Savannah Group needs help. The USO is desperately looking for volunteers. The group says the help is needed immediately to assist in this time of deployments and other business. Call Ellen Snedeker at 912-897-5090 to help.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Post celebrates life, teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

Soldiers, civilians and family members came together Jan. 16 to celebrate and commemorate the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"No other day of the year brings so many people from different cultural backgrounds together in such a vibrant spirit of brother and sisterhood," said Col. Gerald Poltorak, garrison commander. "This is not a black holiday; it is a people's holiday. And it is the young people of all races and religions who hold the keys to the fulfillment of his dream."

During the program, children from Diamond Elementary School performed a living museum exhibit, highlighting King's life and accomplishments.

"As a clergyman, Dr. King was often encouraged by the sound of gospel music prior to his speaking engagements. It is our intent today to uplift and encourage Mr. Shaw in the same manner with gospel music," said Staff Sgt. Joanne Douglas, an instructor at the Noncommissioned Officer's Academy, as the Voice of the Minuteman Choir took the stage.

The guest speaker was Walt "Baby" Love, host of four popular shows and a former soldier who served with the 82nd Airborne Division.

He said when the Equal Opportunity Office here called him it wasn't a matter of money to come out, but rather, when did they want him here.

"I am a part of you; I come from where you are and where you are going," said Love.

During his speech, he said, "It's important for us to take a moment to reflect on the teachings of Martin Luther King Jr. His teachings are the solid rock that we should stand upon because his teachings provide a peaceful alternative to violence.

"Monday isn't another day off, but rather, a chance to take the time to help someone else. Dr. King's dream hasn't been realized, but one day it can, if we put forth the effort."



Sgt. 1st Class Alberto Crespo

Students from Diamond Elementary School create a living museum exhibit of Dr. Martin Luther King's Life Jan. 16 at Woodruff Theater during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ceremony.

Soldiers sing with Dina Preston Band

Spec. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

Soldiers took a break from training and maintaining to let loose and blow off some steam with the Dina Preston Band Jan. 10.

The band brought their mix of blues, country and rock 'n 'roll to the soldiers at Camp Pennsylvania for a USO concert.

Rather than just sing to the soldiers, Dina Preston and company invited soldiers on stage to sing along and compete in the worst dancer competition. About 10 soldiers contorted, do-si-doe and twisted as bad as they could as the crowd cheered and jeered. Preston let the crowd's applause determine the winner.

Spec. Jeremy Mckee, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, from Dora, Miss., and Spec. Tony Lyman, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor, from Eugene, Ore., tied for the honor of worst dancer.

"It's pretty cool - it's better than being the best," said Mckee about tying as the worst dancer.

The band, which hails from Phoenix, covered songs by Hank Williams Jr., Stevie Ray Vaughan and Lynyrd Skynrd. They let soldiers sing along to Shania Twain's "I feel like a woman," Ritchie Valenz's "La Bomba," and Garth Brooks' "Friends in low places."

Lyman said he really appreciated the concert. "I play guitar. I'm in a band and I love watching this."

Everyone seemed to enjoy the concert, according to Chap. (Capt.) Ron Cooper, Task Force 1-64 chaplain from Saginaw, Mich. "It's something different - something to break up the monotony. It's a morale boost for everyone, especially when they get our guys up there," he said. "I think it's as good for (the band) as it is for us. It lets them contribute to the cause."

This was the first concert at Camp Pennsylvania. The Dina Preston Band has been supporting troops since the Gulf War. They started their current USO tour one month ago in Afghanistan and got a taste of the seriousness of the situation troops face when the C-130 they were flying in came under enemy attack and had to make an emergency landing, according to



Spec. Mason T. Lowery

Lt. Col. Eric Schwartz, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor commander, Maj. Michael Donovan, 1/64 Armor S-3, and Capt. Warren Sponsler, 1/64 Armor S-4, sing Shania Twain's "I feel like a woman" with singer Dina Preston and guitarist Don Ortiz during a USO concert Jan. 10 at Camp Pennsylvania, Kuwait.

Preston. But that didn't daunt them, Preston said.

"We keep coming because the troops are the best audience in the world, and it's our way of giving something back. Our job is not just to play for them, but to let them blow off some steam."

The band tries to time their USO tours during the holidays when troops need them most,

Preston said. "God bless you all, we're so proud of you and respect what you do. We're so glad to be able to perform for you," she said to the troops.

To end the concert, Don Ortiz handed his guitar to Pfc. Carlos Santos, 3-15 Inf., from Livermore, Calif., who played a stirring rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner."

A Co., 1/64 Armor FRG members get makeover

Casey Craig

Volunteer

A 2nd Brigade Combat Team Family Readiness Group from A Company, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor has members striving to come up with various ways to pass the time while husbands are deployed to Kuwait. Their soldiers left around Thanksgiving, and were one of the last groups of the 2nd BCT heading to Southwest Asia.

One FRG member, Linda Dambekaln, is brand new to the Army, and has already picked

up on the importance of wives getting together to pass the time during their husband's deployment.

She offered an idea to the company's FRG Leader, Maggie Ortiz that combined an FRG fundraiser with an activity for the wives.

Recently, at their battalion classroom, Dambekaln, associated with Mary Kay products, offered skin care and make up tips to FRG members and guests. If a member purchased a Mary Kay item, she donated her profit to the A Co. FRG fund.

A new FRG leader of the company, Maggie

Ortiz, says offering different ways for the wives to get together has made them a tight knit group.

Her goal as leader is to lessen family distractions so their soldiers are able to focus on the mission. Establishing a stable environment for wives, helping them stay busy, means soldiers are less apt to worry about families back home.

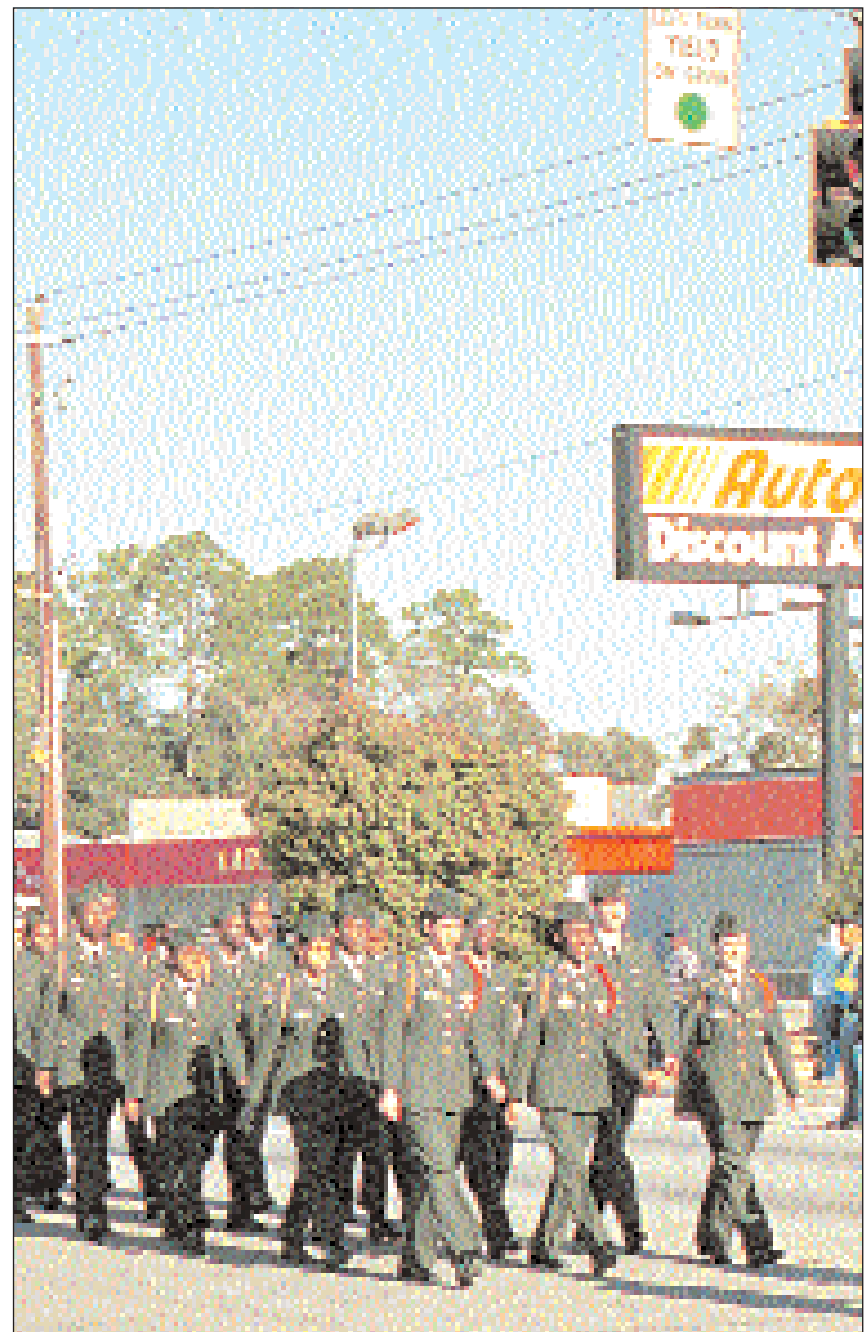
In fact, wives attending the evening's function said the reasons they came out on a cold night were: "to get out of the house", "have fun", and "help raise money for their FRG fund," some of the very reasons Family Readiness Groups were created.

Parade honors memory of Martin Luther King Jr.

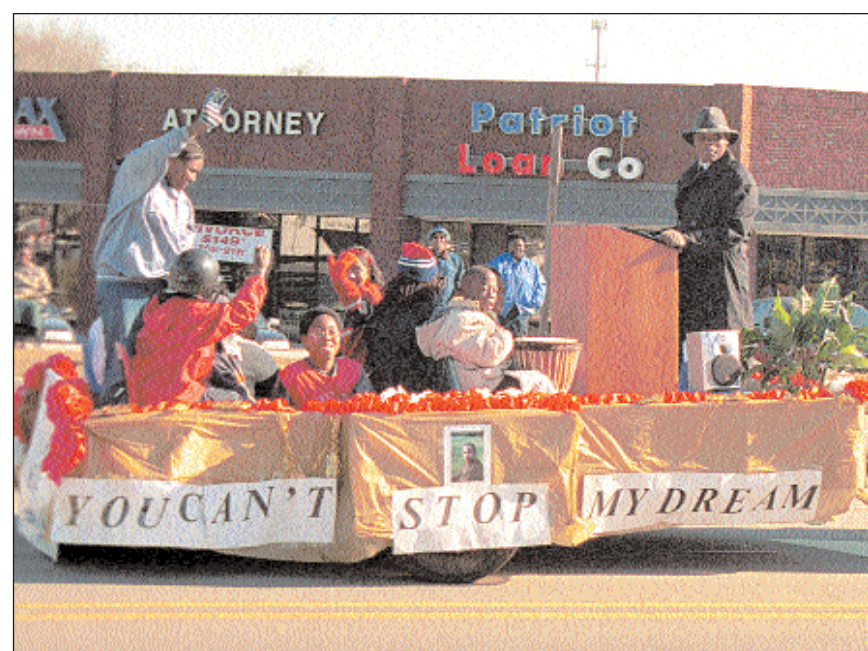


A color guard from 3rd Bn., 7th Inf. carries the colors during the Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration parade in Hinesville Monday.

Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper



(Above) Members of the Bradwell Institute Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps sound off as they march during the parade.
(Below) One of King's speeches plays as a float moves down Gen. Screven Road.



The Bradwell Institute marching bands keep in step as they provide music during the parade.



(Above) Col. Gerald Poltorak, garrison commander, waves to spectators as he passes during the parade.
(Below) Motorcyclists show off their different machines during the parade.



Jim Jeffcoat

Milestones in the life of Dr. King

1929 — Born in Atlanta on Jan. 15, 1929 to Alberta Williams King and Martin Luther King Sr. Older sister, Christine; younger brother, A.D.

1953 — Marries Coretta Scott King on June 18, 1953; they have four children: Yolanda, Dexter, Martin and Bernice.

1955 — Elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association five days after Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to remove herself from the “white” section of the bus. Serves in the office until 1956. The Montgomery Bus Boycott also begins at the same time, in December 1955.

1957 — Founds the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to expand the non-violent struggle against racism and discrimination in the United States.

1963 — Jailed in Birmingham, Ala., April 16, 1963, for protesting. While incarcerated, King writes “Letter from a Birmingham Jail.”

1963 — Delivers his most famous speech — “I Have a Dream” — on August 28, 1963, in the nation’s capital. The more than 200,000 Americans who participated in the March on Washington — organized by King and intended to call attention to black unemployment — gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to hear King’s landmark oratory.

1964 — Receives the Nobel Peace in December 1964 in Oslo, Norway. At the time, King is the third black and the youngest person ever to receive it.

1968 — Shot and killed on April 4, 1968, by James Earl Ray, a white drifter and escaped convict. Ray receives a 99-year prison sentence for his crime.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Not your ordinary Joe

Special to The Frontline

Joe was ordinary. To himself, he attracted no attention. His life was camouflaged; he came, he was, he went and no one seemed to take notice of his existence. If others noticed him, they soon turned their attention elsewhere. This was the way Joe liked it. He was free; free to do good for others without the burden of receiving gratitude from those whose lives he touched. Maybe, Joe was not ordinary; maybe, just maybe, he was understated.

From the beginning of his life, Joe had dedicated himself to service — service to others above self. Joe was different from those whom he served; he knew his self-worth: beyond measure. He had lived his life following others like him. To serve rather than be served was his way of life. Sometimes when someone took notice of Joe and in turn did for him that which he could not do for himself, he would find himself choosing to be embarrassed. Realizing that to give to others was a gift, he would quickly overcome the embarrassment. If he enjoyed giving, others could enjoy it too. Joe liked his life. He liked it because he enjoyed the lives of his neighbors.

Joe lived a creed. His belief was simple: “I will love the Lord God with all my heart, soul,

mind, and strength; and I will love myself only as well as I love my neighbor.” Joe must have really loved himself because the proof of the love of his neighbors was self-evident: Joe rescued his neighbors times without end. Joe asked only that he be allowed to do that which needed to be done. The time came when the rescuing needed pro-active-ness: Evil lurked before the land. Evil was beyond mere wickedness; Evil sought to destroy Joe’s neighbors for the sheer joy of destruction-destruction making known the hatred permeating Evil. Evil violated Joe’s creed.

Joe smiled that “Can Do” smile and stood between Evil and his neighbors. The outcome of this stance was assured: Evil would perish.

Someone asked Joe about himself: “Joe what if you too die as you destroy Evil?” Joe listened to the question and smiled a gentle smile; he kept his eye locked on Evil and only replied, “Watch my six.” The smile remained on Joe’s face, forever.

Yes, today the neighborhood is a great place to live. Problems? Yes, but not Evil. Joe disallowed it from existing.

Some have said of him, “He is just an ordinary Joe.” I say Joe is understated. Joe is born of a family of selfless service. Thank God for Joe and his family. The family is known as G.I. Ordinary? You know the answer.

COUPLES COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

This is a monthly workshop for couples to learn communication skills.

The next workshop will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, at Victory Chapel, Building 2125, across from Popeyes. Lunch is provided.

Pet of the Week

Dusty is a well behaved, 2-year-old, male, Rottweiler mix. He is very friendly and gets along well with other animals and loves children. Dusty also knows basic commands and is housebroken. Needs a good home with lots of attention.

If interested in adopting Dusty or any other dog or cat, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.



Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday “Protestant Worship”	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.

American Samoan

Sunday Worship	Victory	1 p.m.
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Muslim

Friday Jum’ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.

Lutheran

Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
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Contemporary Service

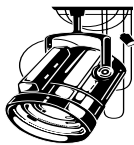
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.
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Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant

Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.
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Volunteer Spotlight



Amelia Thrash

Amelia Thrash, a native of Rossville, is an ACC - AFTB volunteer.

"I volunteer to be some help because my son is in the military," Thrash said. She also said she likes meeting and working with a lot of very nice people. She feels like she is helping to accomplish something.

If you would like more information about becoming an ACS volunteer, visit ACS at Building 470 on Fort Stewart, Building 1286 on Hunter Army Airfield or for more information, call Vickie Wiginton at 767-5058.



WOODRUFF THEATER



Jan. 23 - 29

Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Die Another Day (PG-13)

Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry
Thursday at 7 p.m.

Bond is on the trail of new villains — the deadly megalomaniac Gustav Graves and his ruthless right-hand man, the North Korean Zao. Along the way, Bond crosses paths with Jinx and Miranda Frost, before following Graves to his lair in Iceland: a palace built entirely of ice. Run time: 120 minutes

Hot Chick (PG-13)

Starring: Rob Schneider, Rachel McAdams
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

A "popular yet mean-spirited" teenage girl wakes up one day to find herself turned into a man. Along the way to finding out how she ended up like that, she discovers how shallow and cruel she's always been.

Run time: 101 minutes

Solaris (PG-13)

Starring: George Clooney, Steven Soderbergh
Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

A psychologist arrives at a space station, only to find that his liaison there is dead. The man, head of an expedition to the ocean world known as Solaris, died mysteriously, and with his death come other mysterious events, such as the appearance of crew and friends who have long since passed away.

Run time: 99 minutes

Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. FREE Showing on Friday ADAM SANDLER'S EIGHT CRAZY NIGHTS



(PG-13) Animated

Davey is lurching down a wayward path. He's facing prison when Whitey proposes that Davey work with him at the community center as a referee for the local basketball league. But the true test is whether Davey can rise above his self-destructive habits. Run time: 71 minutes

Birth announcements



December 23
Deserra Monique Hill, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Patrice Nicole Hill.

December 27
Ashton DeLane George, a boy, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Frank F. George and Nora J. George.

December 29
Ariel Marie Petruna, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Timothy Petruna and Theresa Petruna.

December 30
Peyton Lewis Noel Goar, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to

Pfc. Russell Goar and Kendra Goar.

Kennedy Alexis Sheppard, a girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Samuel Sheppard and Moneka Sheppard.

Sean Andre Jolles, a boy, 9 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Martin Aurther Jolles and Beth Ann Jolles.

Audrey Elizabeth Arnett, a girl, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Capt. William C. Arnett and Sarah Elizabeth Arnett.

Andres Alexander Brooks, a boy, 4 pounds, born to Capt. William H. Brooks and Indira Brooks.

December 31

Nicholas McKinnon-Miles Helsel, a boy, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Thomas S. Helsel and Spc. Nancy M. Helsel.

Madison Kate New, a girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Jeffrey A. New and Joanne K. New.

January 2
Cobe De'Vante McKenzie, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Terrie C. McKenzie.

KeShawn Malik Kelly, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Robert Doyle Kelly and Mary Antonio Marie Kelly.

January 3
Landon Paul Main, a boy, 8

pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Erick Paul Main and Kristina Main.

January 4
Cody Allen Graffin, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Stephen Graffin and Kristin J. Graffin.

Catherine Leticia Asmar, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Victor Asmar and Carmen Asmar.

Isreal Elisa Montalvo, a boy, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Mark Montalvo and Spc. Angela Anne Montalvo.

January 5
Cennady Alise Mulholland, a